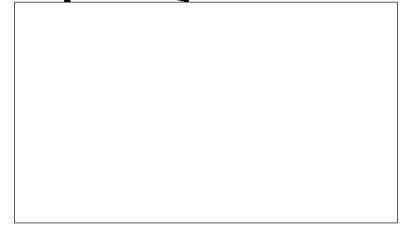


Image | Text



**Director of  
Central  
Intelligence**

**~~Top Secret~~**



(b)(3)

# **National Intelligence Daily**

**Saturday  
24 January 1987**



(b)(3)

~~Top Secret~~

(b)(3)

**INDIA-PAKISTAN: Border Tensions Increase**

*India's threat to move forces to the Pakistani border unless the Pakistani Army withdraws from what the Indians claim are new forward positions will increase tensions but does not foreshadow an imminent Indian attack on Pakistan.*

(b)(1)

(b)(1)  
(b)(3)

(b)(1)

~~Indian Defense Minister Arun Singh told the US Ambassador yesterday that~~ Indian Army troops were replacing paramilitary border guards in Punjab because Pakistan had shifted one armored and one infantry division to the area. Singh said India has told Islamabad that unless the Pakistanis withdraw, India will mobilize on the borders of Rajasthan and of Kashmir.

(b)(1)

(b)(3)

(b)(1)  
(b)(3)

Pakistani Foreign Ministry officials said earlier ~~this week~~ that Islamabad would take no provocative military steps in response to the Indian exercises. They acknowledged, however, that Pakistani troops involved in winter training exercises were being left in place until Brass Tacks IV ends.

(b)(3)

**Comment:** The Indians probably are worried by the Pakistani armored division's reported deployment—as yet unconfirmed—because India's armored forces maneuvering in the Rajasthan desert are in a poor position either to defend Punjab or to launch a counterstrike into Pakistan.

(b)(3)

If Islamabad has moved its troops, it almost certainly will not pull them back. Islamabad probably suspects that New Delhi's charges are part of a Soviet-inspired effort to increase pressure on Pakistan before negotiations on Afghanistan resume next month in Geneva.

(b)(3)

~~Top Secret~~

(b)(3)